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### Idaho Potato Production Down 14 Percent from 2009

Idaho's potato production is expected to total 114 million cwt, down 14 percent from last year's 133 million cwt and 2 percent below the 2008 crop. Planted acres of 295,000 and harvested acres of 294,000 are down 25,000 acres from 2009. Harvested acreage is at the lowest level since 1980. Statewide, yield is 389 cwt (field-run basis), down 26 cwt from last year's record high yield per acre. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 550 cwt, increased 50 cwt from 2009 and is a record high for this area. Acreage for the 10 Southwest counties, at 16,000 acres planted and harvested, decreased 3,000 acres from last year. Because of the acreage decrease, total production in the area is down 7 percent from last year at 8.80 million cwt. In Idaho's "other counties," yield is estimated at 380 cwt, compared to a record 410 cwt a year ago. Other area production from 278,000 harvested acres is expected to total 106 million cwt, 14 percent below last year's 123 million cwt. Idaho's sugarbeet production for 2010 is forecast at 5.15 million tons, down 8 percent from the 5.59 million tons produced a year ago. Yield of 30.3 tons per acre is down from last year's 34.3 tons per acre. Harvested acres of 170,000 are up from 2009's 163,000 harvested acres. Idaho's dry edible pea production is estimated at 480,000 cwt, a decrease of 38 percent from the 779,000 cwt produced in 2009. Yield of 1,600 pounds per acre is down 300 pounds per acre from last year. Harvested acres of 30,000 are down from 2009's 41,000 harvested acres. Lentil production of 513,000 cwt is down 21 percent from last year's 650,000 cwt. Yield of 950 pounds per acre is down from last year's yield of 1,250 pounds per acre. Acreage harvested for 2010, at 54,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from 2009. Austrian winter pea production of 99,000 cwt is up 3 percent from the 96,000 cwt produced in 2009. Yield of 1,100 pounds per acre is down 500 pounds per acre from last year. Harvested acres of 9,000 are up 3,000 acres from 2009.

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2010 is forecast at 361 million cwt, down 8 percent from a year ago. Area harvested, at 882,500 acres, is down 4 percent from last year. The average yield forecast, at 410 cwt per acre, is down 19 cwt per acre from last year's record high. Sugarbeet production for the U. S. is forecast at 31.9 million tons, 8 percent above last year's production of 29.6 million tons. Area for harvest, at 1.15 million acres, is up slightly from last year. Yields are expected to average 27.7 tons per acre, up 2.0 tons from last year. Dry edible pea production for the U. S. is expected to total 13.7 million cwt, down 20 percent from the 2009 estimate. Lentil production, at 8.75 million cwt is up 49 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea production of 183,000 cwt is up 1 percent from 2009.

Small grain updates were made for Idaho based on reports from re-contacted operators who had reported acreage not yet harvested during the September survey. The following yield changes have been made based on those reports. Barley yield, at 92 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel per acre. Spring wheat yield, at 78 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel per acre. Durum wheat yield, at 61 bushels per acre, is down 4 bushels per acre. Oat yield, at 84 bushels per acre, is up 4 bushels per acre and a new record high.

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